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COUNTRY	East Germany , REPORT
TOPIC	Military Activity in the Fourth Gds Mecz Army Area
EVALUATION_	PLACE OBTAINED
DATE OF CONT	DATE PREPARED 7 July 1955
_	ENCLOSURES (No. & TYPE)
REMARKS	This is UNEVALUATED Information
1.	At about 1830 on 7 June 1955, a train carrying 18 trucks with pontoons, 21 trucks including some with boards, 2 motorboats, 1 amphibious vehicle, 1 field kitchen and 11 boxcarloads of Soldiers passed through Jueterbog en route to Fuerstenwalde.  25X1
2.	In the afternoon of <u>8 June</u> , an engineer unit of approximately 120 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and 8 trucks with postcons were unloaded at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station and left for the Pionier Kaser (4502).
3.	On 1 and 3 June, the following shipments were unloaded at the Prenzlau 25X1 freight station:
	1 June. At 0600, 4 Tell/85 tanks, 1 six-wheel armored personnel carrier,  1 truck and 1 repair shop truck.

- 3 June. At 1600, 3 x 37-mm AA guns, 4 six-wheel armored personnel carriers, 22 trucks including some carrying billeting equipment or soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, 1 radio truck, and 2 repair shop trucks. 25X
- 4. On 5 June, 8 T-34/85 tanks practiced driving in the woods in the Grosse Heide west of Beenz, about 12 km southwest of Prenzlau. The area was restricted. It was learned from the chief of the Prenzlau special construction bureau that, a troop training grounds of approximately 750 ha was to be constructed in the Beenz-Kroechlendorf-Wichmannsdorf-Kuhz area. The training grounds was to be provided with a spur track. Wood was being cut.

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- 5. In early June, it was determined that the training area near Beenz southwest of Prenzlau was marked by signboards which indicated that the area was restricted. Large warning signs were also seen in the adjacent villages. During a recent tank firing practice, 9 T-34 tanks, approximately 8 x 122-mm field howitzers and numerous trucks were seen. The cantonment west of Beenz was occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Barracks sections were almost daily trucked there from the direction of Camp Hammelspring at the Templin training grounds. Three large wooden observation towers were being erected on the Kroechlendorf-Beenz road.

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- 6. Between 29 May and 12 June, the Neue Kaserne northwest of Vogelsang (south of 4823) was occupied to capacity. On 29 and 30 May, major march practices, each involving some 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with infantry insignia were held on the Zehdenick-Templin road.<sup>4</sup>
- 7. Between 2 and 11 June, the Panzer Kaserne (4002) in Bad Freienwalde was occupied to capacity by approximately 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black emanates with tank, artillery, signal Mand motor transport insignia. Training at company and battalion level was conducted in the training area near Altranft and north of Torgelow. The units stayed in the area for several days. Exercises including advanced bombat practice were conducted also at night. When the units left for these exercises, up to 6 T-34/85 tanks, 4 x 85-mm AT guns, 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 2 x 120-mm mortars, 4 armored personnel carriers with twin-barreled AA machine guns, 18 two and three-axle armored personnel carriers, 12 trucks and sidecar motorcycles were observed. During the period under review, march paractices at company and battalion level, including air alert warnings and security practices, were held in the vicinity of the post.
- 8. Between 4 and 14 June, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne (4241) in Bernau was occupied to capacity. On 12 June, the engineer unit which had left in May was again observed in the installation. Units from the installation frequently left toward the Schoenow training grounds. Up oto 10 T-34/85 tanks, 2 x 122-mm field howitzers, 1 JSU -249 gun, 10 trucks with soldiers. 5 tank trucks and columns of some 400 soldiers were seen. 25X1

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2.	Comment. These were probably firing details of the 25th Tank Div which returned, presumably from the Templin training garea.	25X1
3.	Comment. Source of paragraph 5 and another source previously reported that a training grounds was to be prepared in the area mentioned and that a camp was being constructed near Beenz from dismantled barracks sections from the Templin training grounds.  According to concessant information in the present report, it is quite definitely believed that a training area for Soviet Army units was to be constructed, rather than an advanced attitied. It cannot yet be determined, whether the training area was to be utilized by units from Prenzlau exclusively or whether units from other posts were also to be transferred there.	25X1 (1
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Mecz Div at the Schoenow post training grounds west of Bernau,

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